

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1642 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61014

Yoji IKAWA, et al.

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For:

HUMAN p51 GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS THEREOF

SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Second Amendment is further in response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal in this application on June 3, 2005, making the due date for further action August 3, 2005. Included herewith is an one-month extension of time, extending the due date for action to September 3, 2005. As September 3, 2005, fell on a Saturday, and Monday, September 5, 2005, was a U.S. federal holiday, the due date for response is automatically extended to Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages.